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In the absence of the pastor Sabbath, Nov. 1st, Mr. Hacket will speak at the morning service. We want every member of the church to hear Mr. Hacket that morning.

"The Go to Prayer Meeting Campaign" launched by the young is awakening quite an interest among our people. The aim is to get out an attendance of one hundred or more. The commendable feature of the campaign is that while special stress is placed upon attendance, greater emphasis is placed upon the spirit of the meeting. The prayer-meeting should be the great spiritual power of the Church. Set apart Wednesday for the prayer-meeting. Come and help make the prayer-meeting a benediction to the Church.

We are nearing the time when preparations should be made for the annual Christmas sale. Every member should feel enough interest in this enterprise to make some beautiful article for this sale. Don't wait for a committee to wait upon you. Members should not expect to be solicited. Come and bring your offering with cheerfulness, feeling that it is a privilege to give.

We want aprons, fancy work and everything that goes to make up a first class Christmas sale. It can not be a success if you do not help.

Rally Day, Oct. 11th, was a day of good things for Grace Church. The rain on Saturday night and the gloomy outlook on Sunday morning kept some people from the services. The attendance at Sunday school was larger than a year ago. Dr. Christman's sermons and talks were edifying and gave inspiration to the people. It was the first time the Dr. was with us. The Church thoroughly enjoyed his visit,

and we want him to return and spend another Sabbath with us soon. He was very much pleased with the work and outlook of the Church. He was especially interested in the work of the young people, and is very much interested in the outcome of the "Go to Prayer Meeting" Campaign.

The Lyons Evangelistic Campaign is already on its way. The Executive Committee is organized, consisting of the pastor in the Ministerial Association and two lay members from each church. E. A. K. Hacket is chairman of the committee, Mr. Filbrick, secretary; Mr. Worden, treasurer. Chairmen of other committees have been appointed. The site for the tabernacle has been secured, the Ewing lot on West Main St., one square west of the interurban station, not far from the transfer corner and on three of the city car lines. The Cottage Prayer Meeting Committee has its work well on the way for the preliminary services. The city has been districted into 116 sections, and captains have been appointed for the different sections. The prayer meetings will begin in the early part of November. We trust the people will be very generous in opening their homes for these meetings. Music Committee, Personal Workers' Committee, and Committee on Ushers will soon issue calls for helpers. We hope the members of Grace Church will furnish a liberal quota for all of these committees. We are glad to see the interest our people are manifesting in the meetings. We are expecting the greatest religious campaign that the city has ever had. The meetings are scheduled to begin Dec. 27 and continue for six or seven weeks. Get ready for the work. Pray and work for the meetings.

The 28th annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society of Ohio, Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S., was held September 22, 23, 24, 1914, in the Chapel of Central Theological Seminary and the First Reformed Church of Dayton, Ohio. For a year we had been looking forward to the time when we should be in the realization of the privilege accorded to us by the Seminary Faculty, through Dr. Christman. A large number of delegates availed themselves of this opportunity of attending the convention and visiting the Seminary. The new building with its equipment for this department of our church, in every way a gratifying success. There are many ways in which generous hearted people can add to the comfort of the young men who will give their lives to the Gospel Ministry. The Library needs a fuller equipment. An automatic clock would be quite a convenience in marking the recitation periods. The grounds can be made more beautiful, and in so many ways the Seminary home can be improved. The Students and Professors spared no effort in making us feel at home. Their christian courtesy and thoughtfulness of our every comfort has marked this convention with a distinctive feature that will not be forgotten.

Dayton has a large constituency of Reformed people, and that added to the interest. The sessions were all well attended, especially by the students. They undoubtedly realize that the Woman's Missionary Society will have to be reckoned with by every young minister.

The sessions were all full of interest from beginning to end. The young people's work is assuming larger proportions every year and this is as it should be. It is the young people who must by and by take up the burdens of the work, and in order that they may be familiar with it they should be enlisted in it now. This, however, is not the only reason. Giving does not impoverish. Giving enriches. Our young peo-

ple should be schooled in the art of giving, not only money but time and strength. Is there any good reason why our young women as well as those older should not be identified with this great movement? The churches are awake to this fact and are pushing this activity with an enthusiasm hitherto unheard of. Will the Reformed Church fall in line and prove herself equal to the occasion or will we be the last to bring our reserves up to the line of aggressive activity?

The following items of interest to everybody have been taken from the report of the committee on status:

"We believe the past year has been one of unprecedented progress. It has marked an epoch along the line of more complete organization. The special lines of work undertaken by the departmental Secretaries have been most gratifying, and have demonstrated the value of specialization, each secretary having had a particular line of work to develop. There are many evidences of the efficient work accomplished by those who have had it in charge.

"Fields of usefulness and opportunities are multiplying upon every hand. No one can truthfully say there is nothing for me to do, for there never was a time in the history of the Reformed Church when the call was so urgent, the need so apparent and the opportunities so great. Our past successes should be an incentive to us to spur us on. There is no time for hesitancy. No other church can assume our responsibilities. We are only a part of the great missionary movement that is now on to hasten the coming of the kingdom. It is imperative that we do our part well lest we cripple the greatest enterprise the church has ever undertaken, namely, the evangelization of the world in this century. The work among the young people in our own denomination as well as in all other churches will be an important factor in the final solution of this problem.

"It is gratifying to your committee to report this work well under way in the adoption of a policy and the already enthusiastic young people who have identified themselves with this movement.

"We have 97 societies with a membership of 2,363, a gain of 72. We also gained one new society. Tiffin Classical Society deserves special mention as having five front line societies.

"All obligations have been met in full and the special gifts are all worthy of mention. A few of the larger ones are as follows: Six building funds have been completed within the last year, one by each Classical Society. Each society also furnished a room in the Theological Seminary. Rev. Morris' work has been generously supported. The thank offerings of the past year have increased over any preceding year and we would also mention generous gifts for both home and foreign missions. It is the consensus of opinion that the Outlook of Missions is meeting a long felt need. There has been a steady increase of subscriptions. Your committee recommends that no effort should be spared to put this splendid magazine into every home. Miss Cogan's programs are becoming indispensable as is evidenced by the fact that more than 75 per cent of our societies are using them. We are gratified to report an organizer in every Classical Society as well as a secretary of young people's work. Our greatest needs can be summarized as follows: More prayer, a deeper spirituality, a better knowledge of existing conditions, more interested women, more faithful, untiring service, more co-operation on the part of pastors, and last but not least, a greater dependence upon our Heavenly Father, Who is able to guide us and to supply our every need.

"Phil. 4:19. 'And my God shall supply every need of yours, according to His riches in glory, in Christ Jesus.'"

Mr. Croyle, residing on West Superior St., is quite ill with a complication of ailments.

Our prayer meetings are growing in interest. Every one seems better than the last. Every family should be represented not only at these mid-week services but at the Sunday evening services as well. If the entire family can not come that does not excuse them all. In the well regulated puritanical families every service of the church was important. Some one represented the family at each service. What an inspiration this would be to the pastors of today if this rule were carried out. If for once the officers of the church would feel themselves responsible for the services as well as the pastor. There are elders and deacons who by virtue of their solemn obligations, will never absent themselves from any of the regular services of the church, feeling that the church is depending upon them for faithful service. How many of our families are never represented at the Sunday evening service and very seldom at prayer meeting.

If the membership would show a vital interest in the prosperity of the church by giving their presence at the service, they would be surprised at the effect of such an influence. The world would soon be impressed with such christianity. Nothing speaks so effectually as a consistent life, and nothing hinders so much as an inconsistent one. Give your presence at the service, come with a prayer in your heart for your pastor. Help him preach by the sympathy that you have in your heart, that will move him like an electric current. Every pastor knows upon whom he can count. He also feels the critical atmosphere that is sometimes created by a careless word or an unkind act. More prayer, more service of the unselfish kind, more dependence upon God, more christian fellowship is what the church needs today.

Mrs. Nellie Hildebrand is at the Lutheran Hospital, where she has had an operation for appendicitis. She is getting all right and will soon be able to be at her home again.

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Mr. Evan Williams spent Sabbath, 18th of October, with his parents at Venedocia, Ohio.

Miss Ruth Gumper has been away for a two weeks' visit with friends in Michigan. She returned to her home on Friday, the 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hills have returned to the city from their summer home at St. Ignace, Mich. They have had a very pleasant summer at their home in the North.

The pastor expects to spend the last of the month and a few days in November at his old home at Glenford, Ohio. He is to speak at Thornville, Ohio, on Sabbath evening, Nov. 1st, on Switzerland, the Birth Place of the Reformed Church. Mrs. Zartman will accompany the pastor on this trip.

A number of our young people attended the Christian Endeavor convention at Logansport this week. Among those who attended were Miss Evelyn Wertman, Miss Esther Fritz and Messrs. Evon Williams and Clarence Aiken. Rev. and Mrs. Diefenbach will also attend, while the little boys, Allan and Benjamin, will visit at the parsonage.

Mrs. Rev. C. M. Schaaf, of Covington, Ky., visited with her father and her sister, Mrs. C. H. Gumper, recently. She attended the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society Thursday afternoon, Oct. 15, at the parsonage; also one communion service, Sabbath morning, Oct. 18th. We are always glad to meet Mrs. Schaaf and to have her with us in our services.

Mr. H. P. Dinger had the misfortune of having one of his ankles injured badly on a recent Monday morning. He is recovering nicely, but will be housed up for a month or more.

An organization for young women was effected on Tuesday evening, October 20, to assist in the missionary activities of the church. The officers are as follows: President, Miss Edith Shiffer; vice president, Miss Bertha Weikert; recording and corresponding secretary, Miss Ruth Gumper; treasurer, Miss Hazel Gooley. We are anxious to have more of the young women go into this organization. There is no real reason why every young woman in the church should not be interested in helping to make it a success. Give your name to Miss Shiffer, and help to interest others.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

Rally Day this year exceeded last in attendance, but the offering last year was considerably larger, while we are pleased with the attendance on Rally Day this will do us little good unless we keep it up and want to have every class, as well as officers and teachers, do their best to make the coming winter a telling one. We should do some big things in the next few months.

The Sunday school will soon observe World's Temperance Sunday. This should be of interest to all and we hope to have a good program for the day.

Mrs. Ray Deahl has taken a class of Juniors, who have just been promoted from the primary grade.

Miss Evelyn Wertman is teaching Miss Lulu Bitner's class.

The Superintendent would like to urge upon the organized classes to get their committees actively at work on campaign plans for the winter months, and we hope the classes who are not organized will get just as busy. We should greatly increase our attendance and enrollment, and we can do it if we but make the right effort.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

The Committee on Young People's Work appointed at the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod at York, Pa., May 19th, suggests the following policy for adoption by the Executive Board of that society:

1. That all young people's societies of any nature (such as Christian Endeavor Societies, Mission Bands, Young Woman's Auxiliaries) be requested to send all their money for missions in the Reformed Church in the United States through the channels of the W. M. S.

2. That children from 5 to 14 years of age be encouraged in the study of missions, by forming them into bands of King's Messengers (or some distinctive name other than Mission Bands).

3. (a) That young women from 14 to 21 years of age shall be organized into young woman's missionary auxiliaries. Such societies shall contribute five cents per capita per month in accordance with the report of the Budget Committee adopted at York.

(b) Any such society having a membership of five or more shall be entitled to one delegate to the Classical and Synodical conventions in which it is situated.

(c) Any Classical Society having five or more such societies shall be entitled to one delegate, elected from said Y. W. M. A. to the tri-ennial convention of the W. M. S. G. S.

(d) That the constitutions of the W. M. S. G. S., the Classical and Synodical W. M. S. shall be changed in accordance with sections b and c of this item so that these delegates shall be admitted to membership in these bodies.

4. (a) That young women over 21 years of age shall be urged to enroll in the W. M. S. and assume the full duties and obligations of that body.

(b) Where young women over 21 years of age are unable to meet with

the local W. M. S. they shall be formed into sections of that society. The local W. M. S. shall consider such sections in all business transactions and when electing delegates to the conventions.

(c) Where societies of young women are already organized which have not assumed the obligations of the W. M. S., they shall be challenged to assume this same obligation and become regular members of the W. M. S.

(d) Believing that all young women should be willing to abide by this ruling, we urge that hereafter this age limit be enforced.

5. That at each classical, synodical, and general synodical meeting of the W. M. S., at least one session be devoted to the interests of the work among the young people.

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The class had a very interesting time at their monthly meeting Thursday evening, Oct. 15th.

Earl Dinger is delighted with his work at Heidelberg. He has written very interesting letters to the boys. He has become very much interested in the "dry and wet" campaign in Ohio.

The class will observe Hallowe-en at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shiffer on Friday evening, Oct. 30th.

The following resolution was adopted at the monthly meeting:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Agenda Bible Class, do hereby offer to the General Committee in charge of the Evangelistic Campaign our services, either collectively or individually, in whatever capacity they may see fit to use us.

Mr. Ernest Baugartner, president of the class, was received into Grace Church at the communion service Sabbath morning, Oct. 18. This is the second of the class that has united with Grace Church since the organization of the class.

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